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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENTEE: ROBERT S. HERRICK)
UNITED STATES PATENT NO: 6,149,684) MAINTENANCE FEE
ISSUED: NOVEMBER 21, 2000) TRANSMITTAL
SERIAL NO: 08/951,690)
FILED: OCTOBER 16, 1997)
FOR: PUNCTUM PLUG HAVING A THIN)
ELONGATED TIP AND A DISTAL)
STARTING TIP AND)
METHOD OF USING SAME)

Mail Stop Petition
Commissioner for Patents
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COMMUNICATION, PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY
DELAYED PAYMENT OF A MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT
(37 C.F.R. §1.378(c)) AND MAINTENANCE FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM

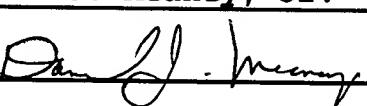
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Enclosed with this COMMUNICATION are the following documents:

- (1) A PETITION TO ACCEPT UNINTENTIONALLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF A MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 C.F.R. §1.378(c)) on Form PTO/SB/66;
- (2) A MAINTENANCE FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM on Form PTO/SB/45;
- (3) A check for \$2,090.00 paying the Small Entity Fee Maintenance Fee Amount of \$450.00 for the 3.5 year payment and Surcharge Amount of \$1,640 due for the above identified United States Patent 6,149,684; and
- (4) A postcard.

The enclosed Petition is being filed within twenty four (24) months after the six (6) month grace period provided for in paragraph (a) of 37 C.F.R. §1.378.

The enclosed Petition includes:

- (1) The requested Maintenance Fee for a Small Entity Status in the amount of \$450.00 set forth in §1.20(e);
- (2) The surcharge of \$1,640 set forth in §1.20(i)(2); and
- (3) A statement that the delay in payment of the Maintenance Fee was unintentional.

The enclosed check in the amount of \$2,090.00 is for payment of the above referenced fees.

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The Commissioner is respectfully requested to accept payment of the Maintenance Fee upon this Petition and to consider this Patent as not having expired, subject to the conditions set forth in 35 U.S.C. § 41(c)(2).

Respectfully submitted,

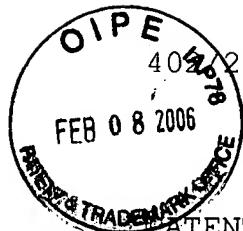


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Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10,
enclosed herewith are the following documents for filing:

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above identified United States Patent 6,149,684; and
- (4) POSTCARD.

We respectfully request a filing date of February 8, 2006,
the date of mailing the above-referenced documents, pursuant to
the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.10.

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